

Abstract of the Disclosure

A resource-utilization-information management unit manages shared-resource information about both
5 available network resources and available media
-distribution-system resources. A shared-resource
management unit distributes or redistributes the shared
resources based on a resource-utilization request from
each content distributor. A distribution management
10 unit performs both the reservation management and
distribution management of media distribution for each
content server within the scope of a
resource-utilization right distributed or
re-distributed by the shared-resource management unit.

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